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TO :
VIA :
FROM :

DATE: 29 July 1952

SUBJECT:

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1. At approximately 11:50 PM, Monday, 28 July 1952, [redacted] who is now temporarily working in the Polygraph Branch but who is attached to the office of [redacted] informed the writer that [redacted] escaped from confinement near [redacted] apparently in the past forty-eight hours. [redacted] could give no specific details in the case, but he stated that his office [redacted] was concerned about [redacted] feelings in the matter and wanted to find out whether or not [redacted] escape would affect future applications of Artichoke techniques, etc.

2. The writer informed [redacted] that the official report on the Artichoke operations [redacted] was now on the desk of [redacted] and that the writer could not officially advise [redacted] as to the nature of the report. The writer stated, however, that he could advise [redacted] unofficially that, in the opinion of the medical officers and the Artichoke Team members, a total amnesia for the interrogation was obtained in the case of [redacted] and that his escape from confinement would not be as serious as it otherwise might have been. [redacted] appeared relieved when the writer told him this. The writer suggested that [redacted] have [redacted] get in touch, as soon as possible, with [redacted] and [redacted] would be able to make available the official report in this connection.

3. According to [redacted] the case officers in the field were not concerned about the escape of [redacted] and were not going to attempt to have him rearrested, although [redacted] stated he would be picked up if he attempted to return [redacted]

4. [redacted] apparently because of lack of knowledge himself and because of the lateness of the hour, furnished no further details to the writer but he did state that this situation would probably bring the "disposal" to a head and would help in working some satisfactory method out in cases involving disposal.

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